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Paleolithic Era
Upper Paleolithic Culture

- hunter - gatherers
- increased importance of social alliances
- shift from generalized hunting or subsistence to cooperative hunting of herd animals in some areas
- increased human population and density
- standardization of the shape of tools
- increased emphasis on aesthetic expression
Types of Art from the Upper Paleolithic Era

- Parietal or “Wall” Art
  - paintings on cave walls or open air rock

- Portable Art
  - modified natural objects
  - painted bone and stone
  - engraved stones, bone, and antler
  - carved bone, antler, and ivory
  - terra cotta figurines
Images Depicted in Upper Paleolithic Art

A. Animal images (most numerous)
   - large herd animals most common
     - bison,
     - wild horses,
     - aurochs (extinct type of cattle)
   - carnivores
     - bears
     - lions
   - extinct animals
     - mammoth
     - auk (penguin-like bird)
Images Depicted in Upper Paleolithic Art

B. Human images
   - outline of human hands
   - “Venus” figurines
   - hunting scenes

C. Composite images having human and animal qualities

D. Non-figurative images
   - series of dots
   - geometric patterns
Megalithic Culture

Megalith = big rock
Dolmen
THE END !
Foot Bone
Chaffaud Cave
Belgium
Horse Carved From Mammoth Ivory

31,000 BP
Germany
2 inches
Lion Lady
32,000 BP
Germany
ivory
Spotted Horses with Negative Handprints

Peche-Merle, France
Altamira Cave Ceiling
13,500 - 11,000 BC
Spain
Bison - Altamira Cave
13,500 - 11,000 BC
Spain
Hall of the Bulls
15,000 - 13,000 BC
Lascaux Cave, France
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Lascaux Cave, France
Stag
15,000 - 13,000 BC
Lascaux Cave, France
“Chinese” Horse

15,000 - 13,000 BC
Lascaux Cave, France
Venus of Tan Tan
230,000 BP
Morocco
stone
1.4 inches
Venus of Dolní Věstonice

27,000 - 31,000 BP
Czech Republic
ceramic
Venus of Lespugue
25,000 BP
Pyrenees Mountains, France
ivory
Venus of Moravani
25,000 BP
Czech Republic
ivory
Gagarino Venus
24,000 BP
Ukraine
stone
Venus of Laussel
20,000 BP
France
limestone
Venus of Willendorf
25,000 BP
Austria
stone
Venus of Willendorf
What’s up that?
Venus of Brassempouy

22,000 BP
France
ivory
Lascaux for Alcohol
Auk Image
19,000 BP
Cosquer Cave, France